

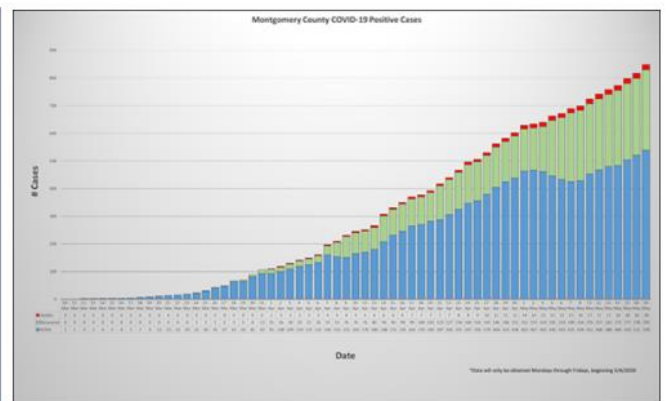
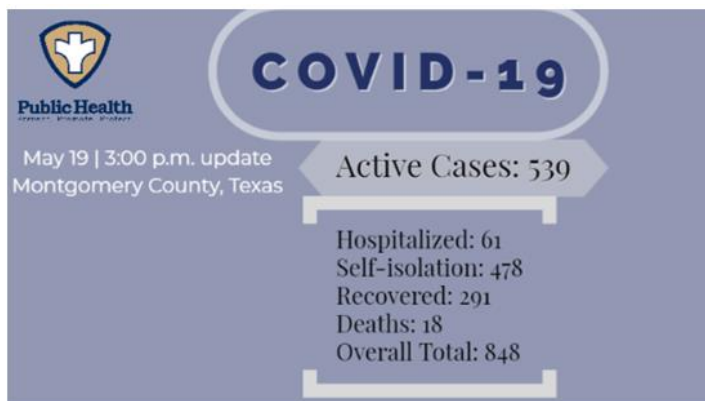


MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIALS UPDATE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 19, 2020

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the number of ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 has increased to 539 today. That number includes 61 hospitalizations. 291 people have fully recovered. The number of total positive cases has increased 31 since yesterday to 848. With increased testing now available in Montgomery County, we expect this number to continue climbing.



Kroger has announced another testing site from May 31st – June 2nd from 9AM-4PM at 22296 Market Place Dr. New Caney, Texas 77357. Kroger asks that you register online to expedite the testing process at krogerhealth.com/covidtesting. If you are not able to register online Kroger will be able to register you on site. Thank you to Commissioner James Metts and Danny Signorelli for partnering with Kroger for this testing site.



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Three COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites are now open in Montgomery County at Walmart locations provided below. These sites are supported by Walmart, eTrueNorth and state and local officials to test anyone who meets CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high risk groups without symptoms. Those interested in being tested need to visit www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com to see if eligible for testing and to make an appointment.

- **20310 US 59, New Caney, TX 77357**
- **18700 Highway 105 W., Conroe, TX 77356**
- **1025 Sawdust Rd., Spring, TX 77380**

“Walmart is part of the community, and we are proud to help support the expansion of COVID-19 testing in Montgomery County during this unprecedented time,” said Laurie Smalling Letts, Walmart Public Affairs Director for Texas. “We are grateful to our associates who keep our stores running, our pharmacists who support these testing sites, and to eTrueNorth and local officials as we work together to open the site and help our community.”



Testing is available at the drive-thru COVID-19 test site in the Walmart parking lot to anyone who meets the CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested. You must be in a car to be tested, no walk-ups will be seen and there is no testing in Walmart stores. Visit www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com to see if you are eligible to be tested.

Details on the COVID-19 testing sites:

- The sites are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting.
- **Appointments must be made through eTrueNorth's online portal at www.DolNeedaCOVID19test.com**, which will screen individuals to ensure they meet CDC eligibility for testing.
- For questions regarding testing, call 800-635-8611.
- Those being tested will need to wear a mask and stay in their cars for verification of eligibility criteria, ID check and self-administered test. For the safety of all those on-site, the testing sites are not available to those who walk up.
- The sites will use a self-administered nasal swab test that will allow those being tested to swab their own nose onsite while in their vehicles, observed by a trained medical volunteer to ensure the sample is taken correctly, and then dropped in the sealed sample into a container on their way out of the drive-through site.
- eTrueNorth will handle processing test samples and communicating results to those tested and applicable Departments of Health.
- The site will be staffed by Walmart healthcare professionals
- Please note, testing is not available inside Walmart stores, they will be conducted in the parking lots of the locations listed ONLY.
- While individuals who are tested are awaiting results, please follow [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/) and take steps to help prevent the virus from spreading to people in your home and community.

For everyone's safety and for the privacy of those being tested, media should not attempt to enter the testing site and stay in the designated media area.

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